lines which comply with the norms relating to environmental protection.

Increase of Pay Scale

1639. PROF . PREM SINGH CHANDUMAJRA :
SHRI NITISH KUMAR :

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state :

(a) whether the case regarding increase of pay scales of about 16,000 employees of Public Sector "Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation" and "Fertilizer Corporation of India" is still pending;

(b) if so, whether the employees of the said Institutions had gone on strike to press for their demand;

(c) if so, whether these institutions are also incurring financial loss due to strike;

(d) if so, the details of estimated loss of this count; and

(e) the reaction of the Government in regard to acceptance of the demand of these employees?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI SIS RAM OLA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d). The employees of the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation Ltd. (HFC) and the Fertilizer Corporation of India Ltd. (FCI) have held one day's token strike to press for their demand. No financial or production loss has been reported by these companies on this account. The employees of Ramagundam Unit of FCI also went on relay hunger strike from 16.10.96 to 20.10.96. Though this action affected normal despatches of industrial products/urea in Ramagundam Unit, it did not result in any production loss.

(e) HFC and FCI had been declared as sick companies by the Board for Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR). HFC and FCI are unable to implement wage revision of the workers as they do not fulfil the conditions laid down under the extant Government guidelines for the fifth round of wage negotiations in PSEs. Salary revision in respect of other employees can be considered once the BIFR approves their revival packages.

Performance of NCDC

1640. SHRI SANDIPAN THORAT : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have reviewed the performance of National Cooperative Development Council (NCDC) for the past five years in terms of promotion of agro-based project in the cooperative sector in various States;

(b) If so, the details thereof, States-wise;

(c) the details of projects/proposals pending with the NCDC, and the action being taken thereon State-wise;

(d) whether NCDC is formulating a package of financial assistance for the revival of sick units in sugar, poultry and spinning in the cooperative sector in Maharashtra; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (EXCLUDING THE DEPARTMENT OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY AND DAIRYING) (SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. While approving the annual programme of activities of the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC), the Government of India reviews its performance. The NCDC has provided financial assistance of Rs. 1842.05 crores towards Agro-Processing activities to various States in the country till the year 1995-96. Out of this, Rs. 1003.96 crores assistance was provided during the last five years. The details are given in the Statement I (i) and (ii) enclosed.

(c) The State-wise details of pending Projects/ proposals and their status is given in statement-II (i) to II (xi) enclosed.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Not applicable.

STATEMENT—I - (i)

Activity-wise position of Releases made by NCDC for Agro Processing from 1991-92 to 1995-96

(Rs. in lakhs)

Activity	Assistance Disbursed				
	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Agro-Processing					
(a) Sugar	7478.330	11730.240	12004.458	16432.234	11693.240
(b) Spinning Mills	9206.413	2599.983	1593.397	624.639	126.770
(c) Oilseed Processing	5787.145	6782.458	3271.131	1945.046	0.000
(d) Other Processing	835.247	746.925	586.886	3835.264	3116.273
Total	23307.135	21859.606	17455.873	22837.183	14936.283
G. Total — 100396.08					